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1. Vietnam

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Peiping seems to be increasingly nervous that US planes might attack targets in China. Recent propaganda statements out of Peiping are apparently directed at trying to persuade the US not to extend the Vietnam war in their direction.

In a sharp response to the alleged invasion of US aircraft in the Hokou area of China, the leading Peiping daily asserted: "We will not attack unless we are attacked; if we are attacked, we will certainly counterattack."

2. Dominican Republic

Although the Imbert and Caamano forces assent to Garcia Godoy as president of a provisional government, neither has shown any disposition to soften its demands on other points at issue.

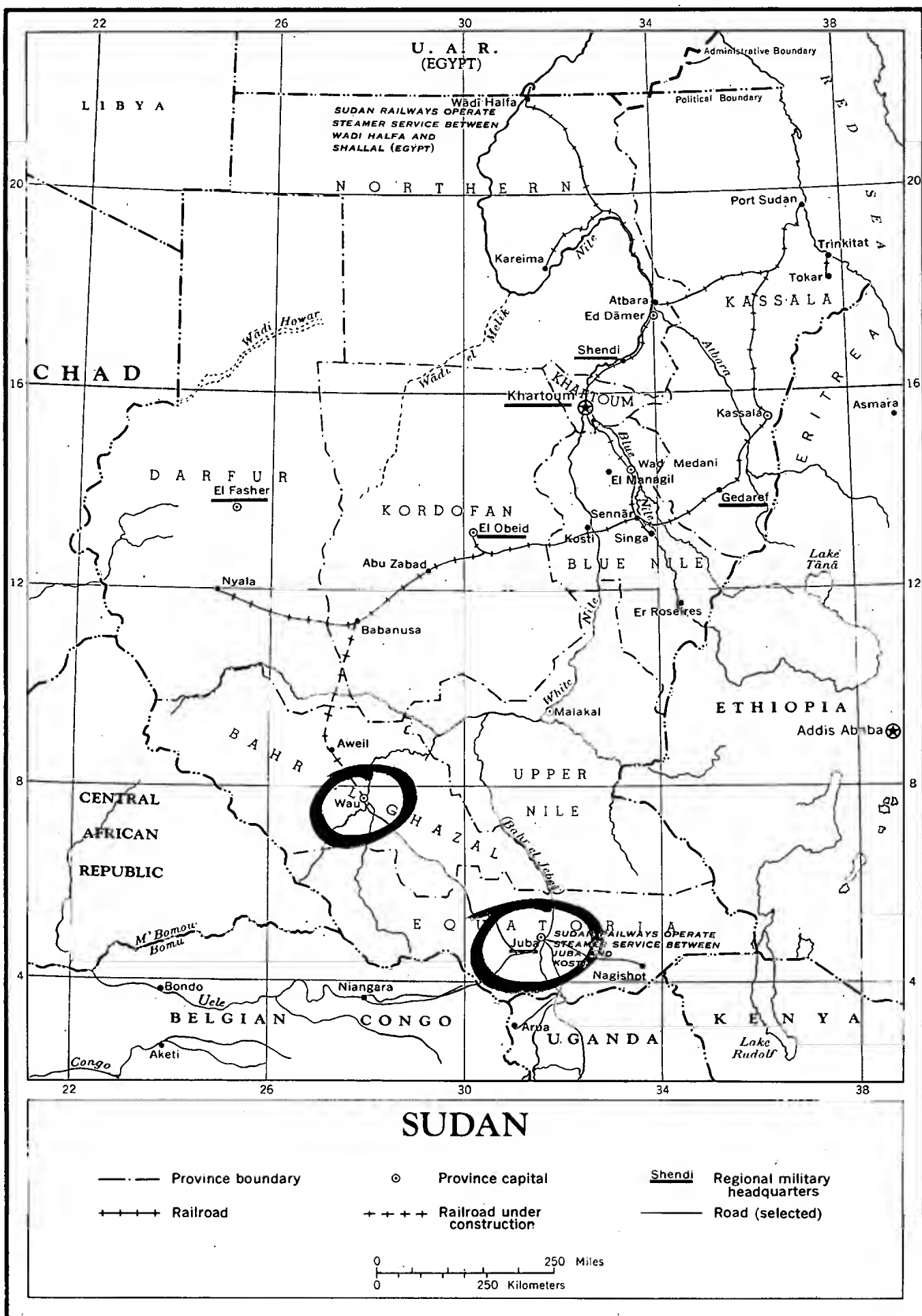
Ambassador Bunker says he is not hopeful that their disagreements can be ironed out by 4 August, and he has recommended postponement of the Special Inter-American Conference scheduled for that date.

[redacted] two Communist-dominated groups, the Dominican Popular Movement and the Fourteenth of June Movement, signed a pact Sunday to continue fighting, against Caamano if necessary. They propose to attack Inter-American Peace Force positions soon in hopes of securing weapons.

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3. USSR

The Soviet proposal yesterday to reconvene the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Commission in Geneva next week coincided with Moscow's announcement of further "aid" to North Vietnam.

Soviet leaders may hope that, by reversing course on the commission, they will be able to avert a serious deterioration in US-Soviet relations.

This dual approach is not new. Last January Moscow tried to soften the impact of Kosygin's trip to Hanoi with favorable comments on the President's State of the Union message.

The Soviets probably do not expect any quick result from the Geneva talks. As recently as 30 June, Gromyko was quoted as saying he "did not think much of the Eighteen-Nation Commission."

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5. Sudan

Southern Sudanese dissidents, who have acquired some of the modern weapons originally destined for the Congolese rebels, are displaying greater aggressiveness. In recent days, they have reportedly mounted probing actions against provincial capitals at Juba and Wau (see map). Casualties are up on both sides, and the prospects for a political rapprochement between the largely Negro south and Arab north are receding.

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6. Greece

King Constantine apparently intends to accede to the removal of rightist Defense Minister Garoufalias, and, in return, Papandreou will not push for the removal of Army Chief of Staff Gennimatas. The compromise should ease the strain between the palace and the government, but Papandreou could upset the uneasy balance if he insists on taking over the Defense Ministry himself.

7. Laos

Rightist military plotters have apparently abandoned their plan to bring off a coup against the Souvanna Phouma government in the next week. The rumor mill in Vientiane is keeping the situation worked up, however, and there is still a danger of precipitate action by groups which see themselves as seriously threatened.

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